

about 30 degrees Celsius and about 275 degrees Celsius. In some embodiments, the temperature is between about 100 degrees Celsius and about 200 degrees Celsius. In an embodiment, the substrate, e.g., glass layer 820 and conductor layer 830 for depositing film 840; glass layer 820, conductor layer 830, and film 840 for depositing region 863; and glass layer 820, conductor layer 830, film 840, and region 863 for depositing region 862, is not externally heated. Thus, the temperature of the substrate is generally equal to the temperature of the chamber plus minor heating effects of depositing the film. In contrast to prior methods for fabricating layers having sufficient quality such that the cell approaches about 10 percent efficiency, an embodiment of the present invention does not heat the substrate. Accordingly, manufacturing efficiencies are achieved while maintaining sufficient efficiency. It is believed that some embodiments of the present invention will have conversion efficiencies of greater than about 5 percent. It is believed that some embodiments of the present invention will have conversion efficiencies of greater than about 6 percent. It is believed that some embodiments of the present invention will have conversion efficiencies of greater than about 7 percent. It is believed that some embodiments of the present invention will have conversion efficiencies of greater than about 8 percent. It is believed that some embodiments of the present invention will have conversion efficiencies of greater than about 9 percent. It is believed that some embodiments of the present invention will have conversion efficiencies of greater than about 10 percent. It is believed that some embodiments of the present invention will have conversion efficiencies of greater than about 11 percent.

[0189] Other embodiments for fabricating energy conversion devices, such as a photovoltaic cell 800, are fabricated according to many of the embodiments described herein with reference to energy storage devices. The thin films of the energy conversion devices are improved in a similar manner as described herein for the thin films of energy storage devices.

[0190] In contrast to some conventional methods for improving performance of a photovoltaic cell, the present methods can produce photovoltaic cells having an enhanced conversion efficiency without heat treating during deposition, e.g., heating the substrate, or a post-deposition high temperature anneal.

[0191] FIG. 9A shows a thin-film energy-storage device 910A according to the teachings of the present disclosure and an integrated circuit 940, here shown as a "flip chip". Energy-storage device 910A includes substrate 920 on which is formed a patterned wiring layer 922. The wiring layer 922 is an electrically conductive layer for connecting energy-storage device 920 to the integrated circuit 940. In some embodiments, layer 922 is formed of a metal. In one embodiment, the wiring layer 922 is patterned copper. In another embodiment, the wiring layer is formed of nickel. In other embodiments, the wiring layer is formed of a noble metal. Wiring layer 922 includes a cathode wiring pattern 922A and an anode wiring pattern 922B, which are separate from each other and form opposite polarity connectors 923A and 923B to external circuitry, such as integrated circuit 940. Device 910A further includes a cathode contact film 924 formed on at least a portion of cathode wiring pattern 922A and an anode contact film 926 formed on at least a portion of the anode wiring pattern 922B. A cathode film 927 is

formed on the cathode contact film 924 according to the teachings herein. An electrolyte film 928 is formed over the cathode film 926, cathode contact film 924 and a portion of the cathode-wiring pattern 922A. Electrolyte film 928 separates the cathode films 922A, 924 and 927 from respective anode films 922B, 926 and 932. Anode film 932 is formed on the electrolyte film and in contact with the anode contact film 926 according to the teachings herein. It will be appreciated that, in one embodiment, cathode contact film 924 and cathode wiring pattern 922A are formed as a single layer. It will be further appreciated that, in one embodiment, anode contact film 926 and anode wiring pattern 922B are formed as a single layer. A passivation layer 934 is formed over all of the films except portions 923A and 923B of the wiring patterns 922A and 923B, which portions are left exposed. Passivation layer 934 protects the films from contact to other layers, which may be formed on substrate 920, and the environment, which may include elements that may react with and damage the films of the energy-storage device 910A.

[0192] In some embodiments, the cathode materials and other materials used in the batteries above include materials discussed more in N.J. Dudney et al, "Nanocrystalline $\text{LiMn}_{1-y}\text{O}_4$ Cathodes for Solid-State Thin-Film Rechargeable Lithium Batteries," *Journal of the Electrochemical Society*, 146(7) 2455-2464 (1999) which is incorporated by reference.

[0193] The integrated circuit 940 includes a first ball contact 941 and a second ball contact 942 both extending outside a package. The first ball contact 941 aligns with the exposed portion 923A of the cathode wiring pattern 922A. The second ball contact 942 aligns with the exposed portion 923B of the anode wiring pattern 922B. Integrated circuit 940 is positioned so that the ball contacts 941 and 942 physically and electrically contact the wiring contacts 923A and 923B, respectively. Integrated circuit 940 is fixed in position relative to the device 910A such that device 910A provides electrical energy to circuit 940. In some embodiments, circuit 940 is provided with circuitry for recharging energy-storage device 910A. It will be recognized that the present invention is not limited to only integrated circuit 940 being connected to wiring contacts 923A and 923B. Other circuits, including integrated circuits fabricated on substrate 920 and circuits with leads connected to wiring contacts 923A and 923B, are within the scope of the present invention.

[0194] FIG. 9B shows another embodiment of the thin-film energy-storage device 910B, substantially similar elements to those described above are designated by the same reference numerals. After forming wiring patterns 922A, 922B, an insulator layer 930 is formed on the substrate 920. Insulator layer separates the thin-film energy-storage device 910 from other layers that may be included with substrate 920. Insulator layer 930 includes vias 931 through which cathode contact film 924 and anode contact film 926 extend downward to connect to cathode contact wiring pattern 922A and anode wiring pattern 922B, respectively.

[0195] In one example of an energy-storage device 910 according to the present invention, the cathode film 927 is a LiCoO_2 deposited using a first source of LiCoO with a secondary source of oxygen. The electrolyte film 928 is LiPON deposited using a first source of LiPO (such as